

FROM RIOT TO RECOVERY: NEWARK AFTER TEN YEARS.

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This encyclopedic compendium is an outgrowth of the "Conference on An Assessment of Newark" held at NJIT in October 1977. It contains 41 of the original essays prepared for delivery at the Conference (out of a total of 65 essays then prepared), plus three new ones. The essays cover almost every aspect of Newark's development in the ten years since the civil disorders of July 1967. This includes public health, education, police and fire protection, transportation, ethnic group relations, unrest in the city, housing, and culture (including fiction and poetry). There is a selected, annotated list of 175 articles and books on Newark written in the past decade.

The editor, Stanley B. Winters, has an updated introduction that surveys the city's evolution called "Turbulent Decade: Newark Since the Riots." He also includes a previously unpublished essay, "Medical Politics and Ghetto Resistance," written early in 1967, and the text of an unpublished, anonymous brochure distributed in the city in June 1967 titled "Fighting the Blight," detailing methods of obstructing urban-renewal mass clearance plans by the administration of then-mayor Hugh J. Addonizio.

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The authors of the various essays comprise a "Who's Who" among government, community, and educational personnel. Among them are Robert C. Wood, Undersecretary at HUD in 1967 and now Superintendent of Schools in Boston; Charles V. Hamilton, Wallace Sayre Professor of Political Science, Columbia University; Frances Fox Piven, Professor of Political Science, Boston University; Hubert Williams, Newark Police Director; John P. Caulfield, Fire Director, Newark; Maria Gonzalez, Staff, Newark Human Rights Commission; Isadore Candeub, President, Candeub, Fleissig and Associates, Newark; Wilbert Allen, Chief, MPDO Newark; Paul L. Trachtenberg, Professor, Rutgers Law School; Edward S. Olcott, Director of Development, Port Authority of New York and New Jersey; Stanley S. Bergen, Jr., President, College of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey; Carl Wilson, formerly Health Director of Newark; Nathan Heard, Author, Lecturer; Peter L. Myers, Professor, Essex County College; and Richard F. Sparks, Professor, School of Criminal Justice, Rutgers-Newark; and many others. The extensive index was prepared by Karen Gilbert, New Jersey Reference Division, Newark Public Library.

No other book has surveyed Newark from so many angles and with such sweep and authority as this one. Anyone interested in the city, and anyone who wants a sound factual basis for understanding its recent past and present will want to own and read this book.

The compiler and editor, Stanley B. Winters, originated the idea of the "Conference on An Assessment of Newark" and served as director of its group of 150 volunteers who helped make it a success. The Conference was co-sponsored by the four higher educational public institutions in the city: NJIT, Essex County College, CMDNJ, and Rutgers-Newark.

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The frontespiece is a reproduction of "Newark Impressions," by Gary Chapman of East Orange, a graduate of Newark's Central High School. The sketch won an award for the best graphic art work submitted to the Conference.

In thanking those who helped him prepare the book, Professor Winters pays tribute to the many co-authors who, "by participating selflessly, have insured that the products of their reflection and knowledge will inform and instruct others about a troubled historic city that struggles valiantly in an often heedless world."

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